

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

October 17, 2017 – 4:00 P.M.

The Board met pursuant to adjournment with Commissioners Pic, Falck, Engen, Knauf and Malm present.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Knauf, to approve the minutes of the October 3, 2017 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Falck, to approve the order of agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Engen, to approve the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda included: bills as submitted by the County Auditor, Check #22151-22388 in the amount of \$500,197.57 and purchasing card transactions in the amount of \$25,114.32; employee status changes for Jennifer Safranski Fetsch, Bryant Renard, James Kieckbusch, Noah Prudhomme and Brianne Hoffman; overtime; game of chance permit for Midway Public School; and bond for check reissue. Motion carried unanimously.

Lane Magnuson, County Planner, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Knauf, to approve the application of William and Cheryl Widman for the Replat of Lot 3 and 4 of Widman Subdivision in the NE ¼ of section 19, Americus Township. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Engen, to approve the application of Targa Pipeline Company LLP to amend an Interim Use Permit to operate a temporary contractor's yard in section 17 of Blooming Township with the following conditions: 1. That the interim use permit shall expire on May 1, 2019, and 2. The vehicle traffic for the contractor's yard shall be required to use only those portions of the private service road and on mile section of 22nd Ave NE located west of the proposed site. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Knauf, to approve the application of Whiskey Creek Wind Project, LLC for an Interim Use Permit to construct a temporary meteorological wind tower to measure wind velocity in section 21 of Niagara Township with the conditions: 1. The tower height shall be limited to 197' above grade, 2. No guywires shall be placed in the County Road 21 right-of-way, and 3. The tower shall be removed from the site no later than six years from the approval date of the permit. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Falck, to approve the application of Whiskey Creek Wind Project, LLC for an Interim Use Permit to construct a temporary meteorological wind tower to measure wind velocity in section 9 of Moraine Township with the conditions: 1. The tower height shall be limited to 197' above grade, 2. The tower shall be removed from the site no later than six years from the approval date of the permit, and 3. The applicants shall access the tower site from the east using the 17th Avenue bridge provided vehicle weights not exceed 18,000 lbs. Motion carried unanimously.

Whiskey Creek Wind Project, LLC has provide a \$15,000 financial guarantee to decommission the towers, \$3600 each for the two towers approved above, and the balance for possible future towers.

Sheriff Rost addressed the board.

Moved by Engen, seconded by Knauf, to approve a North Dakota Department of Transportation Traffic Safety Contract No. 12171375. Motion carried unanimously.

Debbie Nelson, Finance and Tax Director, addressed the board.

Moved by Knauf, seconded by Malm, to approve the appraised value of the real estate acquired by tax deed and to set the minimum sale price at the amount of 3 years taxes due, plus special assessments, penalties, interest and costs, plus amount equal to the estimated taxes and special assessments for the current assessment year plus \$100 and set the Property Appraisal hearing for November 7, 2017 at 4:00pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Falck, seconded by Malm, to approve the Notices of Intent to Evict. Motion carried unanimously.

David Jones, States Attorney, addressed the board.

Commissioner Engen commended Tom Ford, Government Relations Administrator, for the Association of Defense Communities Summit success.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Falck, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 4:39pm. The next meeting will be held on November 7, 2017.

Cynthia Pic. Chair
Grand Forks County Commission

Debbie Nelson, County Auditor